GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DIALOGUE WITH ULFA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have had a dialogue with the Secessionist Organisation, ULFA which is active in Assam, for bringing peace in the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken as a result of the above dialogue; and

(d) the present status of the above peace dialogue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): The Government has received appeals for peace talks with United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA).

(b): These indicate the willingness of ULFA to hold talks with the Government of India without pre-conditions, and also specifically referred to their `core demand` of sovereignty.

(c)&(d): In reply, it was reiterated that the Government of India had consistently expressed its willingness to talk to all groups, which were prepared to abjure the path of violence.